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SUBJECT: GENERAL SPINOLA'S VISIT TO U.S.

REFERENCE: STATE 268718

1. SPINOLA'S VISIT TO THE U.S. HAS ATTRACTED MINIMUM OF PRESS ATTENTION TO DATE, AND NO COVERAGE BY OTHER U.S. MEDIA TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE. REUTERS AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESS FILED ACCOUNTS OF NOVEMBER 17 PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, AND NEW YORK TIMES NOVEMBER 18 RAN ONE-COLUMN, NINE-LINE ITEM FROM REUTERS DISPATCH ON PAGE 6 WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL

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REPRODUCED BELOW IN ITS ENTIRETY.MAJOR EASTERN DAILIES

HAVE MADE NO FURTHER MENTION OF SPINOLA THAT WE KNOW OF.

2. QUOTE: (HEADLINE): "SPINOLA OPPOSES LUANDA.
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 17 (REUTERS). FORMER PRESIDENT
ANTONIO DE SPINOLA OF PORTUGAL TODAY CALLED ON THE WEST TO
SUPPORT MILITARILY ANTI-SOVIET FORCES FIGHTING FOR CONTROL
OF ANGOLA. HE SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE SOVIET
UNION WAS PROVIDING MODERN EQUIPMENT AND TRAINED PERSONNEL
TO LUANDA."

3. DEPARTMENT IS UNAWARE OF ANY MEETINGS BETWEEN SPINOLA
AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR CONGRESSIONAL STAFF WHICH MAY
HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON. HIS

ORIGINAL SCHEDULE CALLED FOR DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON
NOVEMBER 19, AND HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.
REPORTED ACTIVITIES TO DATE INCLUDE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT
AT CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AT STORRS, BUT
ACCORDING TO REPORT HE DEPARTED IN A HUFF AFTER TWO
HOSTILE QUESTIONS WITHOUT DELIVERING SCHEDULED ADDRESS.
FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE, HE IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH
PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN NEWARK NOVEMBER 20, AND
TO BE GUEST AT DINNER AND RECEPTION SPONSORED BY LUSO-
AMERICAN GROUP AT FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS, ON NOVEMBER
21.

4. SAN FRANCISCO RECEPTION CENTER WAS CONTACTED NOVEMBER
14 BY LOCALLY PROMINENT PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN WHO STATED
SPINOLA PLANNED TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 26.
CALLER SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY A COLONEL FNU RAMOS FROM
CONNECTICUT TO ARRANGE INTRODUCTIONS IN LOCAL PORTUGUESE-
AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR SPINOLA. CALLER ASKED IF USG WAS
FACILITATING VISIT, AND WAS TOLD EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES
WERE NEITHER INVOLVED IN VISIT NOR MEETING WITH SPINOLA.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
REGARDING VISIT AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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